

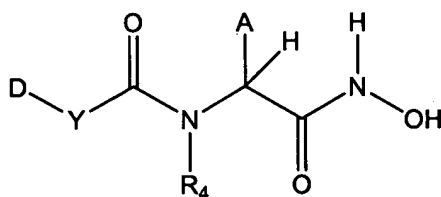
Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-24 without prejudice and add new claims 25-49. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-24. (Canceled)

25. (New) A compound according to the formula IA:



IA

or a stereoisomer, pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, or prodrug thereof,
wherein

D is absent or selected from the group consisting of

- (1) substituted or unsubstituted C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl;
- (2) substituted or unsubstituted aryl;
- (3) substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclyl; and
- (4) substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl;

Y is selected from the group consisting of

- (1) substituted or unsubstituted C₃-C₈-cycloalkyl;
- (2) substituted or unsubstituted aryl;
- (3) substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclyl; and
- (4) substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl;

R₄ is H or substituted or unsubstituted C₁-C₆-alkyl;

A is selected from the group consisting of

(1) $-C(R^{1a}, R^{2a})OR^{3a}$; and

(2) $-C(R^{1a}, R^{2a})N(R^{4a}, R^{5a})$;

wherein R^{1a} , R^{2a} , R^{3a} , R^{4a} , and R^{5a} are independently selected from the group consisting of

(1) H; and

(2) substituted and unsubstituted C_1 - C_6 -alkyl.

26. (New) The compound of claim 25, wherein A is $-C(R^{1a}, R^{2a})OR^{3a}$.

27. (New) The compound of claim 26, wherein A is $-CH_2OH$.

28. (New) The compound of claim 26, wherein A is $-CH(CH_3)OH$.

29. (New) The compound of claim 25, wherein A is $-C(R^{1a}, R^{2a})N(R^{4a}, R^{5a})$.

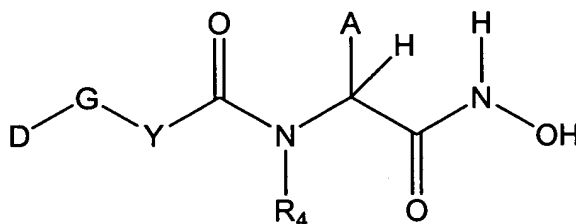
30. (New) The compound of claim 29, wherein A is $-CH_2NH_2$.

31. (New) The compound of claim 29, wherein A is $-CH(CH_3)NH_2$.

32. (New) The compound of claim 25, wherein D is absent and Y is a substituted or unsubstituted aryl.

33. (New) The compound of claim 25, wherein D is a substituted or unsubstituted aryl and Y is a substituted or unsubstituted aryl.

34. (New) A compound according to the formula IB:



IB

or a stereoisomer, pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, or prodrug thereof,

wherein

D is absent or selected from the group consisting of

(1) substituted or unsubstituted C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl;

- (2) substituted or unsubstituted aryl;
- (3) substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclyl; and
- (4) substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl;

G is absent or is $-C\equiv C-C\equiv C-$;

Y is selected from the group consisting of

- (1) substituted or unsubstituted C_3-C_8 -cycloalkyl;
- (2) substituted or unsubstituted aryl;
- (3) substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclyl; and
- (4) substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl;

R_4 is H or substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_6 -alkyl;

A is selected from the group consisting of

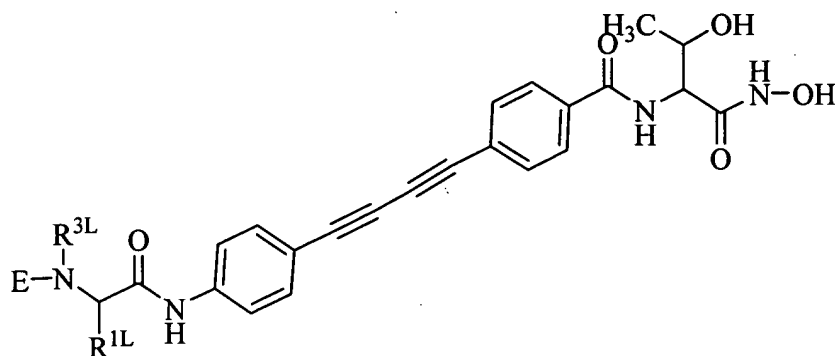
- (1) $-C(R^{1a}, R^{2a})OR^{3a}$; and
- (2) $-C(R^{1a}, R^{2a})N(R^{4a}, R^{5a})$;

wherein R^{1a} , R^{2a} , R^{3a} , R^{4a} , and R^{5a} are independently selected

from the group consisting of

- (1) H; and
- (2) substituted and unsubstituted C_1-C_6 -alkyl.

35. (New) A compound of claim 34 according to Formula VIII:



VIII

or stereoisomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, and prodrugs thereof, wherein

E is absent or selected from the group consisting of

- (1) H,
- (2) substituted or unsubstituted C_1-C_6 -alkyl,

- (3) substituted or unsubstituted aryl,
- (4) substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclyl, and
- (5) substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl,

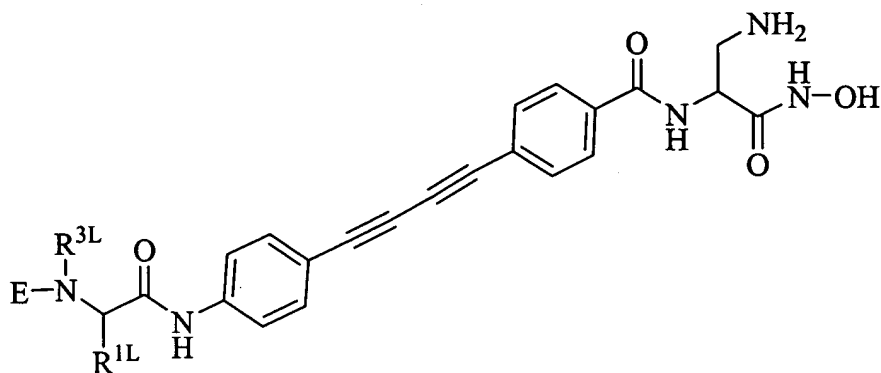
or E and R^{3L}, together with the atoms to which they are attached form a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic ring, having from 5 to 10 ring atoms, wherein 1-4 ring atoms of the heterocyclic ring system are selected from N, O and S;

R^{1L}, R^{3L} are independently selected from the group consisting of

- (1) H,
- (2) substituted or unsubstituted C₁-C₆-alkyl,
- (3) C₁-C₆-alkyl substituted with aryl,
- (4) C₁-C₆-alkyl substituted with heterocyclyl, and
- (5) C₁-C₆-alkyl substituted with heteroaryl,

or R^{1L} and R^{3L}, together with the atoms to which they are attached form a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic ring, having from 5 to 7 ring atoms, wherein 1-2 ring atoms of the heterocyclic ring system are selected from N, O and S.

36. (New) A compound of claim 34 according to Formula IX:



IX

or stereoisomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, and prodrugs thereof, wherein

E is absent or selected from the group consisting of

- (1) H,
- (2) substituted or unsubstituted C₁-C₆-alkyl,

- (3) substituted or unsubstituted aryl,
- (4) substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclyl, and
- (5) substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl,

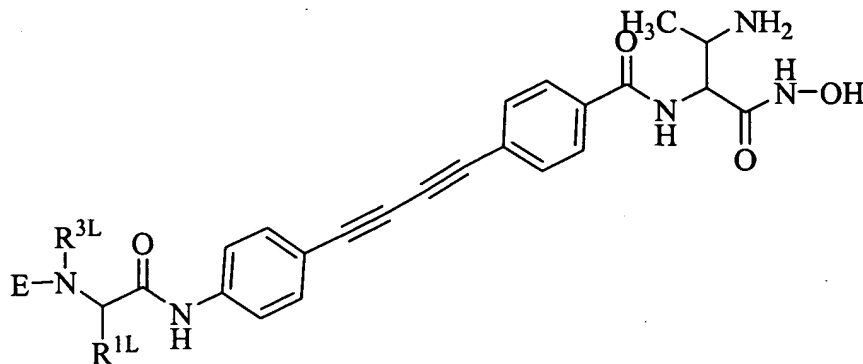
or E and R^{3L}, together with the atoms to which they are attached form a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic ring, having from 5 to 10 ring atoms, wherein 1-4 ring atoms of the heterocyclic ring system are selected from N, O and S;

R^{1L}, R^{3L} are independently selected from the group consisting of

- (1) H,
- (2) substituted or unsubstituted C₁-C₆-alkyl,
- (3) C₁-C₆-alkyl substituted with aryl,
- (4) C₁-C₆-alkyl substituted with heterocyclyl, and
- (5) C₁-C₆-alkyl substituted with heteroaryl,

or R^{1L} and R^{3L}, together with the atoms to which they are attached form a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic ring, having from 5 to 7 ring atoms, wherein 1-2 ring atoms of the heterocyclic ring system are selected from N, O and S.

37. (New) A compound of claim 34 according to Formula X:



X

or stereoisomers, pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, and prodrugs thereof, wherein E is absent or selected from the group consisting of

- (1) H,
- (2) substituted or unsubstituted C₁-C₆-alkyl,
- (3) substituted or unsubstituted aryl,

(4) substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclyl, and
(5) substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl,
or E and R^{3L}, together with the atoms to which they are attached form a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic ring, having from 5 to 10 ring atoms, wherein 1-4 ring atoms of the heterocyclic ring system are selected from N, O and S;
R^{1L}, R^{3L} are independently selected from the group consisting of

(1) H,
(2) substituted or unsubstituted C₁-C₆-alkyl,
(3) C₁-C₆-alkyl substituted with aryl,
(4) C₁-C₆-alkyl substituted with heterocyclyl, and
(5) C₁-C₆-alkyl substituted with heteroaryl,
or R^{1L} and R^{3L}, together with the atoms to which they are attached form a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic ring, having from 5 to 7 ring atoms, wherein 1-2 ring atoms of the heterocyclic ring system are selected from N, O and S.

38. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of claim 25 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

39. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of claim 34 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

40. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 25, a second agent, and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, wherein the second agent is an antibacterial agent, an antiendotoxin agent, or an inhaled non-antibacterial agent for the treatment of respiratory tract infection.

41. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 34, a second agent, and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, wherein the second agent is an antibacterial agent, an antiendotoxin agent, or an inhaled non-antibacterial agent for the treatment of respiratory tract infection.

42. (New) A method of treating a patient comprising administering to a patient in need thereof, an effective amount of the compound of claim 25.

43. (New) A method of treating a patient comprising administering to a patient in need thereof, an effective amount of the compound of claim 34.

44. (New) A method of treating patient comprising administering to a patient in need thereof, an effective amount of the compound of claim 25 and an effective amount of a second agent, wherein the second agent is an antibacterial agent, an antiendotoxin agent, or an inhaled non-antibacterial agent for the treatment of respiratory tract infection.

45. (New) A method of treating patient comprising administering to a patient in need thereof, an effective amount of the compound of claim 34 and an effective amount of a second agent, wherein the second agent is an antibacterial agent, an antiendotoxin agent, or an inhaled non-antibacterial agent for the treatment of respiratory tract infection.

46. (New) A method of treating an infection comprising administering to a patient in need thereof, an effective amount of the compound of claim 25.

47. (New) A method of treating an infection comprising administering to a patient in need thereof, an effective amount of the compound of claim 34.

48. (New) A method of treating an infection comprising administering to a patient in need thereof, an effective amount of the compound of claim 25 and an effective amount of a second agent, wherein the second agent is an antibacterial agent, an antiendotoxin agent, or an inhaled non-antibacterial agent for the treatment of respiratory tract infection.

49. (New) A method of treating an infection comprising administering to a patient in need thereof, an effective amount of the compound of claim 34 and an effective amount of a second agent, wherein the second agent is an antibacterial agent, an antiendotoxin agent, or an inhaled non-antibacterial agent for the treatment of respiratory tract infection.